

The Veterans Voice

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Second Annual Motorcycle Poker Run Raises over \$4,000 for the NHVH Benefit Fund

The Second Annual New Hampshire Veterans Home Motorcycle Poker Run that was held on Saturday, June 11, 2005 raised over \$4,000 for the NHVH Benefit Fund. Over 210 participants riding aboard 156 motorcycles joined with residents, staff and volunteers to make the event a success. We are particularly grateful for the support of our sponsors who helped us increase the amount of money raised by over \$1,500 from last year's \$2,500 total.

We had high hopes for a perfect day with bright sunshine and a light breeze. Although we escaped the much dreaded rain clouds that plagued the majority of Laconia Motorcycle Week events this year, our volunteers and participants were grateful for the shade of the pavilion and plenty of cold water to keep cool in the ninety degree heat and humidity.

Over 210 riders and their passengers participated in our Poker Run that featured a nearly 90-mile trip around Lake Winnepesaukee. In addition to cash prizes for the best and worst hands, we also had a 50/50 raffle and several door prizes that were contributed by the New Hampshire National Guard.



NHVH Resident Phil Walton takes a rare break from his volunteer camera duties to work on the other side of the lens during the Second Annual NHVH Motorcycle Poker Run that was held on Saturday June 11, 2005.

Scott Goss won a total of \$350.00 in the 50/50 raffle, Steven LeBrun of Farmington won \$100.00 for the low poker hand and Helen Romano, an NHVH nursing assistant who resides in Belmont, won \$500.00 for the best poker hand. In addition to the cash prizes, each of the riders also received an event t-

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shirt as well as a barbecue luncheon following the journey.

We were pleased to welcome back a significant number of riders, sponsors and volunteers who participated in our inaugural poker run in June 2004. As a result of the continued dedication and enthusiasm of such supporters, we believe that our event is poised for significant growth in the coming years!

Even if you are not a rider, you can still participate in planning for the Third Annual NHVH Motorcycle Poker Run. We also welcome planning committee members who would like to help in advance and then enjoy the poker run as participants.

The entire NHVH family extends their thanks to our sponsors and volunteers for their assistance with the event. The Second Annual NHVH Motorcycle Poker Run was sponsored by Arch Equipment & Truck, LLC; McLane Company; George A. Roberts; Dobles; American Legion Auxiliary - Unit 32; Patriot Chemical; Quality Cash Market; The Welch Rabbit; Nam Knights; Vermont Pure Spring Water and by anonymous sponsors who wished to "honor all veterans" with their support.



Volunteers Arthur and Nan Brown of Belmont contributed significant amounts of time and enthusiasm to ensure the success of our event. Arthur is a World War II veteran who continues to enjoy riding his motorcycle. He volunteered with publicity and planning for the event and also participated as a rider while Nan kept us organized on the registration and t-shirts tables.



NHVH Resident Bill Cundy visits with James Goss during the luncheon portion of the Second Annual NHVH Motorcycle Poker Run.



NHVH Resident Wes Philbrick welcomes riders and checks out the variety of more than 150 motorcycles that participated in the event.

A Preview of Upcoming Events

We hope that you will join us for one or more of the following occasions. There are numerous opportunities for you to become involved as we honor our veterans, celebrate the holidays, and participate in recreational activities. The following dates are subject to change, so please call ahead if you plan to attend one of the following events or if you or your organization would like to become involved in sponsoring an event or outing. Family members are encouraged to check their monthly events calendar mailings for a more complete listing of activities.

We look forward to seeing you!

August 2005

Commemorative Celebration of the **60th Anniversary of V-J Day on August 14, 2005.** **Daddio's Swing Orchestra and Members of the WWII Living History Association will be joining us for a celebration from 1:30 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. under the NHVH picnic pavilion.**

September 2005

Staff Appreciation Day is scheduled for **September 8, 2005.** Join us on **September 10, 2005 for the Annual POW/MIA Vigil.**

Please join us in support of the **Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk 2005.** **NHVH will be hosting the Tilton-Northfield area event on Saturday, September 24, 2005.** Registration begins at 10:00 a.m. under the picnic pavilion.

October 2005

Family and friends are encouraged to join us for the **Annual Harvest Ball on October 10, 2005.** Start planning your costumes for the **Halloween Parade on October 31, 2005.** There will be special recognition for costume creativity and outstanding departmental contributions.

November 2005

Family and community members are welcome to join us for our traditional **Veterans Day Ceremony on November 11, 2005 at 11:00 a.m.** The ceremony will be preceded by a coffee social beginning at 10:15 a.m.

December 2005

December is always a wonderfully busy month at NHVH as we prepare the home for the season and begin welcoming holiday visitors for gatherings such as the **Elks Holiday Party on December 10th** and the **Veterans Joint Holiday Party on December 11th.**

We will also welcome **Members of the 39th Army Band** for their annual holiday concert. Please call 527-4440 for details on date and time of the performance yet to be confirmed.

Employee Update

Welcome to our New Employees who have joined us during the period from April 1, 2005 through June 30, 2005.

Employee Name	Position	Date of Hire
Michelle Pelletier	RN II	4/01/05
Rachel Roberts	Health Facilities Cleaner II	4/01/05
Lisa Mutney	Secretary I	4/15/05
Diane Hooper	Nursing Assistant II	4/15/05
Louise Cooks	Nursing Assistant II	4/29/05
Lynn Beede	LPN	4/29/05
Ken Cogburn	Nursing Assistant II	5/04/05
Christopher Allard	Food Service Worker II	5/04/05
Stacey Riley	Nursing Assistant II	5/13/05
Pamela Upton	Nursing Assistant II	5/13/05
Murray Noyes	Building Service Worker III	5/18/05
Karen Wilson	Nursing Assistant Trainee	5/27/05
Karen Norris	RN II	6/09/05
Valerie Howe	Nursing Assistant III	6/10/05
Laurie Hansen	Recreational Therapy Assistant I	6/10/05
Karen Sevigny	Food Service Worker II	6/10/05
Robert Keller	Food Service Worker II	6/10/05
Shirley Helmholz	Health Facility Cleaner II	6/24/05



We extend our best wishes to Ellen Beadle on her recent retirement as of June 30, 2005! Ellen retired from her position as a Nursing Assistant II following seven years of service to the Residents of the New Hampshire Veterans Home. Ellen (left) and Barbara Evans, Assistant Nurse Manager (right) enjoyed the recent photo opportunity with Red Sox outfielder Johnny Damon.

Damon visited during the recent National Nursing Home Week celebration and was thrilled to be part of the New Hampshire Veterans Home Favorite Sports theme day. Our thanks to the Employee Recognition Committee for making National Nursing Home Week (May 8-14) a success!

Nursing Assistant Recognized for 25 Years of Service

Looking back on over twenty-five years of service at the New Hampshire Veterans Home, Darlene Smith reminisces about some former residents and marvels at how significantly the place has grown since her first day as a nursing assistant in April 1980. Back then, NHVH Residents resided in either the Main Building (the present day Tarr North Unit) or the Welch Unit. The home was small enough to allow everyone the opportunity to really get to know one another and just large enough to accommodate nearly 100 veterans.

In over twenty five years as a licensed nursing assistant (LNA), Darlene has cared for many veterans who served during World War I, World War II, Korea and most recently Vietnam. During that time, she has also been a part of two separate facility additions that have increased NHVH's capacity to care for those who served from 100 to 250 Residents.

"I really enjoy what I do in caring for those who have put their lives on the line for us," Darlene explains.

Darlene is ever mindful of the need to listen closely to her Residents and be able to understand and anticipate their changing needs. In addition to her daily duties as an LNA on the Tarr South Unit, Darlene also participates in a variety of continuing education opportunities that enable her to maintain both a current skill level and her designation as an LNA.

The past twenty five years certainly have not been "all work and no play". There have been a number of memorable people who have enriched the experience. In particular, Darlene recalls former Resident Damon Hall who resided at NHVH until his passing in 1999 at the "still young at heart" age of 105! Mr. Hall was the last World War I veteran who resided at NHVH. Darlene vividly recalls Damon's sense of humor and energy as well as his preferred method of indicating that he was finished with his meal by tapping his coffee cup two times on the dining room table. Mr. Hall insisted that his daily habit of two coffees with brandy was the key to his long life. Damon also liked to joke with Darlene and frequently commented that the part in her hair was the straightest he had ever seen!

Residents still provide much needed humor and Darlene continues to thoroughly enjoy her work at NHVH. As the longest serving employee at NHVH, Darlene recently represented the home at a Proclamation Ceremony in honor of State Employee Recognition Week - May 1-7, 2005.



Governor John Lynch recently recognized Darlene Smith, a licensed nursing assistant at the New Hampshire Veterans Home, for her twenty-five years of dedicated service to the home.

Generations of Love

Written by: Charles R. Safford, WWII Veteran and President of the New Hampshire Veterans Home Resident Council

Off we went into the wild blue yonder,
Giving us cause to wonder and to ponder
Heading for distant parts of this earth
to discover how much our loved ones are worth.

The training was over. We knew then what to do.
Cockiness was our façade; all of us, not just a few
The expanse of this earth, its width and its girth,
each mile reminding us more of our loved one's worth.

Here we were in a country to us quite foreign
to protect all the world from a regime so courlan
How much we wrestled with a language not our own
always in our hearts were the folks back home.

Heading for a target in our four-engine bomber
keeping us in trepidation, alarm and so somber.
While looming ahead lay a mass of dense, dark flak,
as we thought of our loved ones, we couldn't turn back.

Ploesti, Romania, Vienna, Austria, deep into the lands of the foe.
Fiercely protected were the oil refineries; bombs landing a blow.
Not without cost to our aircraft, our comrades, who we miss so much.
Ever in our thoughts though, were those again we wanted to touch.

Before and after each target came the armada of Herman Wilhelm Goring.
His yellow jacket squadrons were fiercely accurate, from above, roaring.
Taking their toll as they swept through our defensively fighting fleet.
Even then our hearts, not for a moment, left our loved ones so sweet.

We shall never, no never forget the wonderfully brave pilots in P51 fighters
who gallantly and brilliantly gave their protection: first Knights.
Reminding us of the knights of the round table of legendary King Arthur,
urging us onward to reach loved ones again; not to become a martyr.

All of our strength, our courage, determination and sure fortitude,
encouraged, spurned on by God's grace, causing much gratitude.
For in our hearts lie the dear memories who still remain far away
from those they loved with brave heart and soul in every way.

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Welcome to Our Home

The Board of Managers, Commandant Barry E. Conway, Resident Council Officers and fellow residents and staff members extend a warm welcome our new Residents who joined us at the New Hampshire Veterans Home as of the dates indicated.

George Davis	4/04/05	Marion Wheeler	5/02/05
Stanley Jaworski	4/05/05	Howard Fales	5/03/05
Roscoe Tewksbury	4/06/05	Charles Markiewicz	5/16/05
Terry Tupper	4/12/05	Warren Wilson	5/23/05
Theodore Wrobel	4/26/05	Catherine Moore	5/25/05
Phyllis Emerson	4/27/05	Eleanor Moore	6/02/05
		Marie Munroe	6/07/05

Residents are encouraged to attend the monthly Resident Council Meetings that are held on the Third Thursday of each month in the Tarr Dining Room at 2:00 p.m.

If you have a question or would like to add an item to a Resident Council meeting agenda, you may contact one of the following officers:

Charles Safford, President
Forrest Foley, Vice President
Merrill Franklin, Chaplain
Sam MacKenzie, Secretary
Larry Draper, Sergeant-at-Arms

New Hampshire Veterans Home—Board of Managers

Joseph Vitale, Chairman of the Board, (Disabled American Veterans)
Donald R. Caron, Secretary of the Board, (Veterans of Foreign Wars)
Wanda Furbish, (Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary)
Richard L. Murphy (Marine Corps League - Commandant)
Anthony J. Romano, Jr. (Marine Corps League)
Charles Smith, (American Legion - Department Commander)
Robert Wayss (Disabled American Veterans - Department Commander)
Robert Wyman (American Legion)
Rick Young, (Veterans of Foreign Wars - Department Commander)

Thank you for your dedicated support!

Generations of Love (Continued from page 6)

Sixty-two years have gone their way, but never can we forget
the sacrifice of the boys who fought and lie there yet.
We remember with parades, wreaths, speeches, as batons twirl,
but none can ever recall that heroic boy like that of his girl.

Home we came from that great wild blue yonder,
Giving us cause no longer to wander.
Glad to be home from the distant parts of this earth
to love, marry, his girl, his love, his pearl.

Alas his children, his boys went into that yonder so blue
to another war as well as their children too.
Adding to that wall where is listed the names of the brave
back in that land where at home they lie in their grave.

Oh that wild blue yonder is vast and forever deep
where modern jets speedily and readily leap.
Wondering and pondering cease not, at that great girth
as they marvel in awe at their loved one's worth.

“Main Street” and Maintenance Building are Underway

The long-awaited expansion and renovation of the New Hampshire Veterans Home Recreation Room as well as the construction of a new maintenance building have both broken ground. The creation of a “Main Street” style recreation room and community space will provide our Residents with access to all of the services that a traditional Main Street offers. The New Hampshire Veterans Home “Main Street” will include a new “theater”, “diner” and “barber/beauty shop” as well as extensive renovations to the existing “church”, “library”, “gym”, “store” and much more.

The plans to convert the recreation room into a “Main Street” and to construct a new maintenance building are part of a larger life/safety improvement project that is funded by a grant from the State Home Construction Program of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. In addition to “Main Street”, the grant has enabled NHVH to upgrade its existing sprinkler system, improve dietary facilities and construct a new maintenance building. The total project cost is \$2,570,000, of which the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs will contribute \$1,670,000, and the State of New Hampshire will contribute the remaining \$900,000.

We envision numerous opportunities for design items that will enable our Residents to reminisce about the Main Streets of their own hometowns from throughout the Granite State. If you would like to make a monetary contribution towards our efforts, please make checks payable to NHVH Benefit Fund and reference “Main Street Project” in your correspondence or you may use the enclosed envelope provided.

An Angel 'from' the Rescue

If you ask NHVH volunteer Lillian ("Lil") McCrelis to describe animal assisted therapy and its associated benefits for residents in a long-term care setting, she will begin by telling you that she was involved in pet therapy long before it became popular. Lil realized the power of pet therapy decades ago when she began bringing her dogs to visit residents of nursing homes and veterans' hospitals.

"The patients would really look forward to their visits with the dog and ask me to come back soon," Lil explained.

Lil became a devoted pet therapy volunteer who has continued making rounds with a number of different dogs throughout the years. Most recently and for over the past nine years, Lil's constant companion was a mixed breed named Rufus that Lil rescued from a local animal shelter. Although Rufus had been subjected to rather severe treatment before he met Lil, he was a perfect gentleman whose temperament did not display any indication of his difficult past.



Lil's new dog Angel traveled from an animal shelter in Kentucky to a foster home in Ohio before making her way to the New Hampshire Veterans Home on a stormy Saturday afternoon in May.



Lil and Rufus visited with NHVH Residents for several years prior to Rufus' passing in late 2004.

After Rufus' passing in late 2004, Lil spent a few months without a therapy dog to call her own and relied on "borrowing" staff members' dogs to continue her visits. By April 2005, NHVH staff members Lisa Perry and Laurie Methven, both avid dog lovers, decided it was time to convince Lil that she needed to rescue another companion and to assist her in the effort.

With assistance from the New Hampshire Dog Rescue, a network of volunteers who provide foster care and transportation assistance for homeless dogs, Lisa and Laurie located the perfect dog - a 5-year old Labrador/Setter mix named Angel who had been rescued from an animal shelter in Kentucky and was residing at a foster home in Ohio.

Lil completed the adoption paperwork while Lisa and Laurie exchanged numerous phone calls and e-mails with volunteers who were willing to drive a portion of the trip to bring Angel from Ohio to New Hampshire. Angel finally arrived at NHVH on May 7, 2005 to her new home with Lil and to begin her new career as a therapy pet for our residents. She has proven to be a perfect angel who has the power to bring both comfort and joy to NHVH Residents.

In Loving Memory

The New Hampshire Veterans Home extends its deepest condolences to the loved ones of the following Residents who recently passed away. We are grateful for their service to this country and for the time that they spent with the NHVH family. Their presence will be greatly missed.

Name	Joined NHVH	Departed
Ralph McGowan	8/19/03	4/09/05
Paul Audet	12/1/99	4/11/05
Norman Lacasse	9/2/04	4/14/05
Richard Russell	2/9/04	5/01/05
Maurice Leveille	4/13/05	5/16/05
Theodore Olewnik	8/4/03	5/23/05
Henry Richard	11/25/02	5/23/05
George Copp	5/05/05	5/30/05
Elwin Ford	10/21/04	6/10/05
William Tierney	3/15/05	6/11/05
Norman Perreault	3/05/92	6/16/05
Paul Legasse	7/8/02	6/27/05



Members of American Legion Post #49 participate annually in the Memorial Day Ceremony held at the New Hampshire Veterans Home.

Memorials and Tributes

The New Hampshire Veterans Home Benefit Fund would like to acknowledge the following Memorial and Tribute donations that were received between April 1, 2005 through June 30, 2005.

In Memory of

Colonel Bernard E. Conway	Sgt. William J. Tracy, Jr.	Gerald Burnham
Augustus Rice, Sr.	Ralph McGowan	Robert A. Brison
Melvin Perkins	Felix LeBrun	Paul Audet
Norman LaCasse	John J. Sullivan	Charles Craven
Herbert Sullivan	Veronica Oliver	George Copp
John Murphy	Norman Perreault	

In Honor of

Colonel Perkins	Ted Richard	John Rider
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Contributions to the NHVH Benefit Fund enrich the daily lives of our veterans through a variety of activities, entertainment, outings and equipment. Donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. If you would like to make a donation in memory or in honor of a family member or a friend, we will send a letter to that person or friend acknowledging your thoughtful contribution. We will also acknowledge your contribution in *The Veterans Voice*.

Donations may be made payable to "NHVH Benefit Fund" and mailed to New Hampshire Veterans Home, Development Office, 139 Winter Street, Tilton, New Hampshire 03276, or you may complete and return the enclosed envelope.

****The New Hampshire Veterans Home is currently seeking charitable support for the purchase of a new wheelchair van for the home's residents. Our number of Residents who require wheelchairs is steadily increasing. We are in need of another vehicle that will enable us to transport six or seven Residents who require wheelchairs. The approximate cost of a new vehicle is \$50,000. If you would like to make a donation towards the purchase of this vehicle, please reference "wheelchair van" in your correspondence.****

Commemorative Celebration of the 60th Anniversary of the End of World War II

On Saturday May 7, 2005, the Residents and Staff of the New Hampshire Veterans Home commemorated the 60th Anniversary of the end of World War II in Europe through music and memorabilia. Many of the World War II Residents who reside at NHVH were quick to point out that while they were overjoyed to hear the news of the German surrender back on May 8, 1945, the celebrations were somewhat subdued in that the Japanese had yet to be defeated. Additionally, many NHVH Residents were either serving in the Pacific theater or had been informed that they may be transported to assist with the efforts to win the war in Japan.

The anniversary event also emphasized the need to remember those who had paid the ultimate price for the victory during World War II. Harry S. Truman's radio broadcast of May 8, 1945 was played for the audience, many of whom recalled exactly where they were when they heard the original broadcast.

Following the radio broadcast, Commandant Barry Conway introduced Daddio's Swing Orchestra and welcomed volunteer swing dancers from the Queen City Ballroom in Manchester to open the dance floor. As the band played, Residents, staff and volunteers joined in singing and dancing to the sounds of their youth. The event was truly a success, and we are looking forward to welcoming Daddio's Swing Orchestra for a repeat performance during our V-J Day Celebration to be held on Sunday, August 14th. Family and friends are welcome to join us under the picnic pavilion beginning at 1:30 p.m.



NHVH Resident Robert Kechy views several framed newspaper headlines that were on display during the V-E Day Celebration in May 2005. The headlines contained news from throughout the war in Europe including one that proclaimed "Germany Quits".



As the band played music from the 1940s, Residents and volunteers took to the dance floor and reminisced about the end of World War II sixty years ago.

A special thanks to the Skrungloo Farm, Inc. Foundation for their financial support in making our 60th Anniversary Events a success! Special events such as these celebrations are some of the many ways that the NHVH Benefit Fund supports the quality of life programming for our Residents. We appreciate your continued support.

Prom Night

Students from the Tilton School have a tradition of active involvement in the NHVH inter-generational program by assisting with recreational activities, hosting a pizza and game night and interviewing Residents for school projects.

Thanks to the creativity and caring of the ninth graders at the Tilton School, the main dining room of the New Hampshire Veterans Home was recently transformed into a festive ballroom complete with decorations, lighting, refreshments and music. The students had heard of other schools who had hosted senior proms for local nursing homes, and they wanted to be the first to host such an event for their friends at the New Hampshire Veterans Home.

We would like to extend a special thank you to all of our “prom dates” - Julia Boyle, Debra Weimer, Rebecca Monsein, Tana Polaski, Da-Jung Kim Sofia Spanos, Johanna Eaton, Dinelle Dutton, Philip Lee, George Yang, Tim Rivera, Joe Ott, Caleb Corliss, Rusty Mason, Adam Warming-ton, Ross Tine, Nick Sawicki, Morgan Ostendorf, Teddy Bridgman, Elliot Brewster, Garrett Brewer, Paddy Lin, Pete Srinual, Tchanoo Khang, Mike Gentile (DJ) and Doug LeCour as well as to our “chaperones” - Tom DeRigo, Tom Hermanson, Elaine DeRigo, Julie Caldwell, Ben Wyrick, Kate Newell-Coupe, Mike Landroche and Scott Ruggles.

“Our hope is that this will become a tradition for the 9th grade class each year,” explained Julie Caldwell, Community Service Coordinator for the Tilton School.

If you or your organization would like to become involved in intergenerational activities at the New Hampshire Veterans Home, contact Liz Stedman at (603) 527-4400 or via e-mail at Elizabeth.Stedman@nhvh.nh.gov. Liz would be happy to assist you in designing a mutually beneficial program for the young people in your organization and the NHVH Residents to share.



Tilton School student Paddy Lin and NHVH Resident Ernie Desmarais share a dance at the “Senior Prom” that the students hosted recently at the home.



Tilton School students transformed the main dining room of the New Hampshire Veterans Home into a patriotic prom with decorations, refreshments and a DJ.

Faces and Places



Residents and Staff were pleased to welcome Members of the American Legion Auxiliary Department of New Hampshire to a recent coffee social in which Commandant Barry E. Conway recognized Joyce Flanders for her service to the organization as President during 2004-2005. Pictured from left are Joyce Flanders, Past President AL Auxiliary - Department of NH, NHVH Commandant Barry Conway; Kathy Fernald, President AL Auxiliary - Department of New Hampshire and Ida Harris, AL Auxiliary Representative to NHVH.



Construction has begun on the New Hampshire Veterans Home "Main Street" recreational space. For additional information and to make a contribution towards this project, please see page 8.



NHVH Resident Forrest Foley braves the rain at a local fishing derby in an attempt to reel in the big one!



The Boston - New York rivalry is alive and well at the New Hampshire Veterans Home as staff members Alice Brown (left) and Dayle Auger demonstrated during the NHVH Favorite Sports Day recently.

Holidays and Celebrations



The staff break room was filled with fans of all sports ranging from baseball, football, auto racing and fishing during the “Favorite Sports Day” in honor of National Nursing Home Week (May 8-14).



Recreation staff member Linda Tucci, dressed in period costume from the 1940s, enjoys dancing with NHVH Resident Al Nolet during the V-E Day Commemorative Celebration.



NHVH Resident Joe LeMay enjoys refreshments and conversation with Tilton School students during the recent Senior Prom that the students hosted for the Residents.



Alice Brown, Assistant to the Commandant and Mindy Normand, Human Resources Assistant enjoy a taste of the islands during National Nursing Home Week's Tropical Paradise Day.

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Barry E. Conway, Commandant



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About the Home

The New Hampshire Veterans Home was established in Tilton in 1890 as the Soldier's Home for Civil War Veterans. Today, the modern facility is home to men and women who have served their country and fellow New Hampshire citizens in World War II, Korea and Vietnam.

NHVVH is the only long-term care facility in the Granite State that is dedicated exclusively to veterans.

As a professional health care provider, NHVVH offers a full range of services including residential, medical/dental and nursing care as well as physical/occupational therapy, recreation, and dietetic and social services.

Chapel services, exercise groups, arts and crafts, shopping trips, live entertainment and various community outings support residents'

quality of life. NHVVH also offers inter-generational programs and animal-assisted recreational therapy. Dedicated staff members work in partnership with volunteers from surrounding communities and numerous service organizations to enrich our residents' lives.

NHVVH recently opened the 100-person Life Enhancement Dementia Unit that serves the needs of veterans who suffer from Alzheimer's and other related memory impairment disorders. The facility addition enables NHVVH to provide comprehensive long-term care services to a total of 250 Residents.

Additional information is available online at our website:
www.nh.gov/veterans